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1. The 1 Fighter Division (Air Force)

Location: Bucharest-Herastrau.
Commander: Colonel Constantin Sendrea.
Political Commissar: Major Ion Galis.
Chief of General Staff: Major Josif Dramba, a graduate of the Frunze Military Academy of Moscow.
Former Chief of General Staff: Lt. Col. Traian Gavrilu. He was appointed Commander of Pilot Officers School No. 2, of Focsani.
Chief of Military Operations Section: Major Traian Tataru.
Chief of the Gunnery Training Section: Captain Ion Galea.
Chief of Organization and Mobilization Section: Capt. Ion Iatan.
Commander of Rear Echelon: Lt. Col. Boris Avramescu.
Chief of Battle Training Section: Captain Stinghie.

Organization: The 1 Fighter Division is composed of three fighter regiments: i.e., The 1 Fighter Regiment of Clinceni (Bucharest), the 3 Fighter Regiment of Targor (Ploesti) now at Clinceni, and the 7 Fighter Regiment of Stalin (Brasov), transferred to Targor.

2. The 1 Fighter Regiment

Location: Airport of Clinceni (Bucharest).
Commander: Major Ion Dobran.
Chief of General Staff: Lt. Major Florian Baicu.
Regiment Engineer: Captain Marin Basca.

Organization: Three squadrons of three patrols each, with four airplanes in each patrol.

Equipment: Twenty IAR-80 planes. The unit lacks pilots because some of its pilots were transferred to the newly created units. Pilots are expected from the new classes graduating from the

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flying schools.

3. The 3 Fighter Regiment

Location: Until the spring of 1952 it was located at the airport of Targsor, near Ploesti, from which it was transferred to the Clinceni Airport (Bucharest). In its place the 7 Fighter Regiment from Stalin (Brasov) was transferred to Targsor.

Commander: Captain Ion Popescu-Greaca.

Regiment Engineer: Captain Bordeanu.

Equipment: Eight IAR-80 planes, three Nardi planes and three PO-2 planes. Some of the pilots were transferred to jet units. The complement is expected to be completed. During 1952 this regiment was supposed to be equipped with LA-9 Soviet fighter planes.

4. The 7 Fighter Regiment

Location: Until the spring of 1952 the 7 Fighter Regiment was located at the airport of Stalin (Brasov). When work was started at the airport to enlarge it and to build concrete runways, the regiment was transferred and is presently located at the Targsor Airport.

Commander: Captain Gheorghe Popescu.

Political Commissar: Captain Rotaru.

Chief of General Staff: Captain Ursache.

Regiment Engineer: Lt. Major Bica.

Organization: The regiment is composed of three squadrons, with three patrols in each, and with four planes in each patrol.

Equipment: Ten IAR-80 planes, 10 YAK-11 planes and two PO-2 planes.

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